

REMARKS

Applicant notes that the Request for Corrected Filing Receipt, which it filed on December 3, 1998 in order to correct the filing date of this application, has been acknowledged by the Examiner and will be reviewed prior to or commensurate with a first examination on the merits.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between claims 1-41 (directed to a process of bonding solder balls), and claims 42-44 (directed to a solder ball support apparatus). Applicant hereby elects without traverse claims 1-41 for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 42-44 have been canceled without prejudice.

Regarding the species restriction, Applicant elects Species F. At least claims 1-3, 6, 8, 11-13, 20, 22-24, 26, 27, 29-31, 36, 37 and 41 are readable thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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